

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Generally fair to-day and to-morrow; not much change in temperature.  
Highest temperature yesterday, 36; lowest, 25.  
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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## PLOT BY TROTSKY AGAINST GERMANY BARED IN BERLIN

Paper Demands Arrest or Expulsion of Soviet Representative.

REAL MENACE IS SEEN

Foreign Minister Said to Have Copy of Orders to Incite Revolt.

NO CHECK ON ACTIVITIES

Camps of Russian Prisoners Declared to Be Fertile Field for Red Propaganda.

Peace on All Fronts First Time for Soviet

LONDON, Dec. 19.—With the cessation of activities on all war fronts the Russian Soviet Government announces discontinuance of the daily bulletins, says a Moscow despatch to the *Daily Herald*, the labor paper. This is the first time since the formation of the Soviet Government that such a condition of things existed. Leon Trotsky is quoted as saying that although there is no longer any war front and Russia at present is not threatened by any direct danger she cannot yet afford to disarm.

By the Associated Press.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18. (delayed).—Victor Kopp, the Russian Soviet representative in Berlin, has been working under written instructions from Minister of War Trotsky "to do everything in his power to bring about a revolution in Germany and overthrow the present Government." It is charged by the *Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung* in tonight's issue. A photographic copy of Trotsky's letter with instructions to this effect is now in possession of Foreign Minister Simons, the newspaper says, and it makes a demand for the immediate expulsion or arrest of the Soviet representative.

According to the newspaper's information, the letter was written during the victorious march of the Bolshevik army toward Warsaw. Since then, declares the article, Kopp has had every opportunity to visit the Russian prison camps in Germany, where 160,000 Russians are held, approximately 120,000 of whom were captured during the war and the remainder interned during the Bolshevik drive into Poland, when numbers of Russians were forced to cross the German border by the Polish reaction.

The charges against Kopp were made in connection with a Nationalist interpellation in the Reichstag, which charged that the "free and easy" manner in which the Germans were making the Russian prisoners camps under the imperial department offered a fertile field for propaganda. Dr. Simons declined to go into details before the Reichstag, but said the evidence against Kopp was insufficient to warrant Government action. The interpellation, however, resulted in an order that these camps hereafter be under the authority of the Ministry of Defense.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* and the *Deutsche Zeitung* have been hammering the administration steadily for several weeks on the ground that the Russian prisoners in Germany "in reality formed a bodyguard for Kopp," and they alleged that Bolshevik propaganda in every camp have been working virtually unimpeded. These organs express belief that the situation has been allowed to develop to such a threatening extent that the German Government will be endangered unless steps are taken at once "to remove the menace."

**BALLOONISTS LANDED AT LEAST FOUR DAYS**

Officers Think Men Safe and Search to Continue.

Although it is a week and a half since three naval lieutenants floated away from the Rockaway naval air station in a spherical balloon, other officers are still confident that the men are safe and will turn up shortly.

Wherever they are, in the forested Adirondacks, the desolate interior of the Province of Quebec, or in some other section of the continent, the men had in all probability at least four days been on the ground at least four days for the balloon would not remain in the air much more than two days. Their rations consisted of twelve sandwiches, six bars of chocolate, a few biscuits and six bottles of coffee.

The two army airplanes which are to search for the fliers were still on the ground at Albany as the result of "rough" landings made in the muddy field. The officers, it is better field at Glens Falls, and may get in the air on the search this afternoon or to-morrow. The planes will fly over the Adirondack section. The balloon was last reported at Wells, N. Y., 240 miles from Rockaway, seven hours after the start.

The officers in the balloon were Lieut. A. K. Minton and Lieut. Stephen A. Farrell, gunnery officer at Rockaway.

U. S. TROOPS ON RHINE TO STAY.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Withdrawal of American troops from Germany is not being considered at present, Major-General Henry T. Allen, commander of American forces at Coblenz, is quoted as saying in an interview with the *Petit Parisien*.

**De Valera Here, Says Aid, Denying French Report**

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The London *Times* correspondent at Cherbourg asserts that Eamonn de Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," is aboard the Aquitania, due there to-morrow afternoon.

The Aquitania sailed from New York on December 14. A writer in the London *Evening Standard* said on December 15 that he had learned from an authoritative source that De Valera was expected to land in Ireland in a few days. The Home Office, however, said it had no information on the subject. A despatch from Boston last night said that Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera, declared the report that his chief was on board the Aquitania was "a joke." "I left him in New York last night," he added, "and he expects to resume his speaking tour in this country some time this week."

## JOYFUL ATHENIANS HAIL CONSTANTINE

Kaiser's Brother-in-Law Is Greeted With Enthusiasm in Greek Capital.

CITY IS GAYLY DECORATED

Stratos, Possible Premier, Says Greece Will Fight Kemal; Slurs Venizelos.

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, Dec. 19.—Constantine of Greece, removed from the throne by action of the allied Powers in 1917, and called back by the recent plebiscite to resume his former status, arrived in Athens to-day. He came into the city by train and was received at the Place de la Concorde.

Constantine's train steamed into the Laurion station, about 100 yards from the Place de la Concorde, without ceremony and the returning monarch alighted like an ordinary traveler. Constantine, however, was greeted by the cheering of thousands of persons who had been awaiting his arrival since 9 o'clock in the morning.

Queen Mother Olga, the Regent, and the Princess Anastasia, formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds, dressed in chinchilla fur and wearing picture hats to match, were standing in the royal group to welcome Constantine. The Ministers also were present in the station.

Scenes of Enthusiasm.

In a carriage drawn by six horses with outriders and followed by troops, a procession with Constantine at its head started for the stadium. The crowd along the route evinced the greatest enthusiasm, frequently breaking out of bounds and rushing up and kissing the harness of the horses drawing the royal equipage. Wild cheering was heard along the entire line of march, the people being almost delirious with joy.

After visiting the cathedral Constantine went to the royal palace, where he read a message to the people. The preparations for the reception of Constantine were very elaborate. The city was gayly decorated, flags flying everywhere and automobiles as they hurried about flying gay streamers while their gleeful passengers, among whom were members of the royal family, were surrounded by cheering crowds.

The signs of mourning for the late King Alexander were removed three days ago, and this has given the courtesies, including Princess Anastasia and others, an opportunity to bedeck themselves in gala attire.

Like Christmas Eve.

The general atmosphere last night was like that of Christmas Eve. Olive branches and emblems of peace were to be seen everywhere. Groups of laughing girls were numerous on the walks, and the city streets were busy gathering stars to bedeck themselves. From the church towers the sound of ringing bells was almost constant.

At Piræus, the port near Athens, the harbor was clear of allied and American war vessels, only a few fishing boats remaining.

The plans for the King's landing were changed last evening. It was at first announced that he would be met at the Corinth Canal by the Cabinet Ministers, but as the cruiser *Ayeyoff* was too large to pass through the canal a destroyer took off the royal party. Crown Prince George planned to meet his father in the Gulf of Corinth, and was accompanied on his trip thither by Crown Prince Carol and his family.

Both Princess Alexandra and Mrs. M. Styrud, widow of the late King Alexander, are objects of notable interest in connection with the celebration. It was questioned last night if Mrs. Miano would be permitted to attend, her poor health being assigned as an excuse. Reports from court circles were that some of the princely families desired to bar her from royal functions.

M. Styrud Outlines Policy.

M. Styrud, Minister of Marine in the short-lived Cabinet formed March 9, 1915, by M. Gounaris, present Greek Minister of War, is being mentioned as possible head of a new Greek Ministry. He is a member of the Conservative party, which controls sixty votes in the Chamber of Deputies.

Outlining Greek policies M. Styrud said: "Our first move will be to smash

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## PREMIER IS TOLD HIS ACTION CLOSES IRISH PEACE DOOR

Sinn Fein Peaceful, Says Leader in Reply to Lloyd George.

REACTS TO ATTACKS

Reconciliation Is Possible When Both Nations Parley on Same Footing.

AGREED ON TWO POINTS

Father O'Flanagan Declares Trouble Will Cease if the Cause Is Removed.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Father O'Flanagan, vice-president of the Sinn Fein, who has been in correspondence with the British Prime Minister regarding a truce in Ireland, has replied to Mr. Lloyd George's latest message, in which the Prime Minister regretted that the door had been closed "to those counsels of good will which you invoked at the beginning of this correspondence."

In his rejoinder Father O'Flanagan says: "We agree that two things are desirable—first, peace; then reconciliation. It is only necessary for your Government to cease to violate your own constitution in your attack on the liberty of the Irish people."

Proceeding to argue that the Sinn Fein is a peaceful organization, reacting only to violent attacks upon it, Father O'Flanagan continues: "Remove the cause, and the effects will cease automatically." He says that reconciliation is only possible when accredited representatives of both nations meet as equals and conclude:

"I have suggested the only way I believe peace to be possible. I have not thereby closed the door, though I may have discovered it closed when I thought it open."

**IRISH REBEL LEADERS TO BE USED AS SHIELDS**

Will Be Hostages in Moving British Forces.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—The general officer commanding the Kerry district has issued a proclamation that after December 20 Irish republicans army officers and leaders in custody will be sent as hostages with all transports moving armed forces of the Crown by road in the martial law areas.

In the ambulance of a lorry with military and police near Ennistimon, county Clare, yesterday morning, three of the attacking party were killed and four wounded.

Two men who had been in the custody of the military in a constabulary barracks at Cahel, Tipperary, were shot dead Saturday night. No details have been received.

A stranger who said he was from Galway was arrested last night in the Central Hotel here, which has been used for officers' quarters since the assassinations last month. The man had a bomb and a revolver in his pockets. During his removal to Dublin Castle there was street firing, during which one man was wounded. It is not known whether he was associated with the prisoner.

**MANY LEAVE CHURCH WHEN DECREE IS READ**

Bishop of Cork's Ambulance Warning Causes Stir.

Cork, Dec. 19.—The decree authorized by Mr. Daniel Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, excommunicating any one participating in further ambushes of Crown forces in his diocese was read at each mass in the churches of the Cork diocese to-day. In St. Finbar's South Church a majority of the congregation left the church amid considerable confusion when the decree was read.

The decree gave notice a week ago of his intention to issue the decree. The Court House was raided yesterday by Crown forces. Officials of the County Council and of other bodies occupying the building were held up and searched. No arrests were made, however.

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**PLUNKETT ARRIVES, GLOOMY IN IRELAND**

Says Government Bill Will Prove Ineffective.

Sir Horace Plunkett, advocate of a plan for the government of Ireland as a British dominion, arrived yesterday in the White Star liner *Baltic*, commanded by the British Government's bill for the solution of the Irish question would be ineffective. "The bill," Sir Horace said, "however acceptable it may be in Westminster, will never go in Ireland. It represents the supposed interests of that one-fifth of the Irish people which has strong representation in Parliament but is insignificant to the other four-fifths of the population."

Sir Horace deplored the attitude of the British press on the Irish question, remarking that if it would cease to advocate the policy dictated by the British government nine-tenths of the British public would be against the bill as it now stands. Until the real news about Ireland was printed in England, it would continue to be difficult to solve the Irish problem, American and French papers, being independent in spirit, had printed fairer accounts of the situation in Ireland than the English papers.

"At bottom," Sir Horace said, "the Irish, English and American people are

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## SENATE RIDES COAL OFFICES IN WAR ON PROFITEERING

Association Chiefs Will Be Forced to Explain High Prices to Consumers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.

Drastic action has been taken by the Senate Committee on Reconstruction, of which Senator Calder (N. Y.) is chairman, in its effort to stop profiteering in coal. It was learned to-day that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, armed with a subpoena from the committee, last night suddenly swooped down on the offices of the National Coal Association in this city and seized all of the books, papers, correspondence and other records of the association he could find. Vans were backed up to the building entrance and the documents transported to the Capitol for the inspection of the Calder committee.

Officers of the association will be summoned before the committee at once to explain the transactions recorded in the books and papers. Committee members claim the public is being mulcted of millions of dollars through unwarranted prices and that some organization is directing the price fixing in a concerted manner. This new course adopted by the

## 68 ORPHANS SAVED AS ASYLUM BURNS MOVE ON TO BALK NEW TARIFF BILL

Matrons Rouse, Line Up and Pass Little Girls Out Windows to Firemen.

SMOKE OVERCOMES 15

Stairway and Fire Escape of Philadelphia Dormitory Are Blocked by Flames.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—One of the sixty-eight girls quartered in a dormitory in Germantown awoke early this morning to find the room filled with smoke, and with the glare of flames outside the window.

Soon the two matrons, Sister Anna and Mrs. Ninette Campbell, were going from cot to cot awakening the little girls, all of whom were between the ages of 6 and 14 years. Quickly the youngsters were got into line ready to march from the building. None of them was frightened, because Sister Anna and Mrs. Campbell were so calm that the children did not believe there was any danger.

Led by the matrons, the children groped their way through the smoke toward the fire escape, but they had gone only a few feet when flames shot up through the floor and their path was blocked. Then they tried to reach the stairway, but here, too, fire and smoke barred their exit.

It seemed impossible to get the children out, but finally the victims heard the crash of shattered glass, and the next instant the head of a fireman appeared at the top of a ladder. He came into the room, followed by another fireman, and then, aided by the matrons, the firemen carried the children one by one to the windows, where they were handed to other firemen on ladders and carried to the street.

Fifteen had been overcome by smoke before the girls were got out, but they soon revived when taken to hospital. Both Sister Anna and Mrs. Campbell were scorched and also suffered from the effects of smoke, but they refused to leave the children for medical treatment.

The dormitory was destroyed, with an estimated damage of \$100,000.

**TARRED AND FEATHERED BRANDED AS 'HUN'**

Jacksonville German Roughly Handled by Masked Men.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 19.—John N. Blischoff, a real estate dealer of this city, securely bound and gagged and covered with a coat of tar and feathers, was dumped from an automobile to-night on the corner of Jacksonville's busiest downtown street intersections.

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**CANADA ABOLISHES TAXES ON LUXURIES**

Liquors, Confectionery and Playing Cards Excepted.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—All taxes on luxuries in Canada, except alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the Dominion Government through an order in council, it was announced to-day.

Prevalent unemployment in the industries directly and indirectly affected by the taxes was said to have been responsible for the Government's action. The order becomes effective to-morrow.

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## UNTERMYER LINKS CITY OFFICIALS IN LIMESTONE GRAFT

Explains How Contractors Who Plead Guilty Will Expose Men Higher Up.

PROBERS UNANIMOUS

Counsel Says Kaplan, Only Discordant Note, Is Out of Office in 11 Days.

TAMMANY AIDS INTRIGUE

Calder Confers With Lockwood on Early Expansion of Housing Inquiry.

By the Associated Press.

Confessions made by the convicted limestone contractors, who admitted their guilt in General Sessions Friday, connect the Hetrick limestone ring with the city administration and show who the "men higher up" were in the building grafting.

This was charged yesterday by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Lockwood committee, as being the main-spring moving those who he stated are trying to disrupt the committee. Mr. Untermyer issued a statement answering Senator Kaplan's attacks on the committee and its counsel. The assaults are credited with having the strong backing of Tammany as well as those interests most closely allied with the city administration.

As a result of the controversy which developed in the committee last Friday, when Kaplan insisted the committee should demand that jail sentences be imposed instead of fines on the convicted limestone contractors, Mr. Untermyer went much further yesterday than he otherwise would have gone in making known the reasons for the committee's action in the limestone cases.

The fact that some of the contractors are said to have supplied the crime prosecutors with evidence linking the grafting to certain officials is said by Mr. Untermyer to have struck terror in political quarters and led to the backfire of intrigues.

Seek More Guilty Culprits.

Since the committee first struck a trail leading from the Hetrick ring to the city administration, Senator Kaplan has been trying to make trouble for the committee by injecting politics. Mr. Untermyer charged. He asserted that "when in the opponent" is the fact that the men higher up used the convicted limestone contractors and Hetrick as mere catspaws and that the evidence the committee now has is expected to aid in reaching the more guilty culprits.

Mr. Untermyer will continue to head the investigation and the committee will proceed on the road it has been traveling. That was decided finally yesterday. The storm appeared to have passed. Every member of the committee, including Republicans and Democrats, and all of the associate counsel sent word to either Senator Lockwood or Mr. Untermyer giving unreserved endorsement of what has been done and offering full support to the chairman and chief counsel.

The committee decided to pay no further attention to his attacks. Hearings will be resumed to-morrow. The investigation of trade combinations and collusive bidding will be finished this week.

William M. Calder, United States Senator, conferred with the chairman, Mr. Lockwood, on the program of giving Federal aid to the State investigators. No conclusions were announced, but it is expected the Federal committee will begin its inquiry soon into general housing conditions throughout the country and will ask Mr. Untermyer and the State committee to cooperate.

Untermyer Explains Situation.

Mr. Untermyer's statement concerning and explaining the row in the Lockwood committee follows:

"Anxious as I am to adhere to my fixed policy of refusing to be drawn into controversies affecting the work of the committee and to avoid newspaper attacks, I am nevertheless compelled to make a statement in the future to demand an answer from me to this latest of Senator Kaplan's attempts to obscure the important results achieved by the committee, to impair public confidence in its work and to lend aid and comfort to the many big and little grafters, trusts, combinations and law breakers whose operations the committee is engaged in exposing."

The explanation made by counsel before Judge McAvoy of the reasons for recommending the imposition of fines on the defendants' pleas of guilty (most of them were corporations, and as such were liable only to fines in any event) and the action taken by Judge McAvoy in the exercise of the judicial discretion that is vested in him, and in his opinion, is a sufficient answer to the inspired "gallery play" of Senator Kaplan, whose connection with the committee will fortunately expire within the next eleven days. The sincerity of his oft-repeated published professions as to what he calls my "wonderful work" and his expressions of confidence in counsel is inconsistent with the attitude he has been making."

"I explained to Judge McAvoy that while this particular charge is a misdemeanor, punishable at most by a fine exceeding one year as to individuals, it is expected the corporations and by not exceeding one year as to individuals, it is expected, with the aid of the men who were pleading guilty and of the documents that, with their consent, we were thus being permitted to use and retain."

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## POLICE COMB ENTIRE CITY FOR CRIMINALS; NONE CAN BE FOUND

Enright Directs Roundup Which Nets 100 Arrests, But No Gunmen Are Caught.

8 ZONES ESTABLISHED

Motor Patrols of Reserves and Squads of Detectives on Duty in All Five Boroughs.

CLUB EXPERTS MOBILIZED

Ex-Officers of World War Offer 20,000 Men to Help Rid New York of Criminal Element.

The great roundup of thieves and gunmen ordered Saturday by Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, resulted in the discovery that the criminals apparently have vanished. Automobiles loaded with detectives raced from one place to another throughout the night and until sunrise yesterday without finding so much as a "gun toter." Probably a hundred arrests were made on charges which the courts refused to entertain.

Commissioner Enright was personally in charge of the raiding parties, although he did not put in an appearance at any of the places raided. He directed the operations of the squads from station houses, between which he was continually on the move. For its size and sweeping character the roundup planned was without precedent in the history of the city. The fact that a large number of the criminals who have been preying on life and property for the last few months were not caught is attributed to a possible "leak."

Squads of Reserves on Duty.

The police reserves, which Commissioner Enright called upon for emergency duty, responded last night seventy strong, with fourteen private automobiles. They were organized into squads of five each by Sergeant Reussler and started from Police Headquarters at 8 o'clock to patrol eight zones, into which Manhattan, The Bronx and Brooklyn were divided. The men, many of whom are gray haired, carried the police locust stick and some of them who possess pistol permits were armed.

Streets where the "hangers on" have been in evidence for many months were deserted yesterday. More detectives were patrolling the Tenderloin district than in years. The usual groups of questionable characters were missing from the street corners, and the poolrooms of the lower East Side, which have been the